

Lincoln Terrace Newsletter

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2009 A Great Success!!

Lincoln Terrace had a busy year last year! Under the leadership of President Bill Fulmer, there were several very visible improvements to the neighbourhood. The most exciting being the upgrade and improvements to Nichols Court Park, which was celebrated with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring. There is a concrete pad with beautiful Centennial benches, surrounded by beautiful knock out roses and crepe myrtles. Later in the year, the park was the site of the Neighbours' Night Out celebration put together by all three of the Medical Community Neighbourhoods!

Lincoln Terrace was busy with fun activities – from the Mardi Gras party in February, the cookout following the ribbon cutting ceremony, a Fall cookout, a couple median/park cleanup days and the Holiday Party & Silent Auction (a successful fundraiser – we raised almost \$1,000 in one night – thanks to our chairperson Suzanne Kelley and our gracious hosts the Guards!).

Thanks to the Beautification, Crime Patrol and Social Committees for one busy, wonderful year!

Presidential Address

Having served two years as Social Chair has been a great deal of fun, but stepping into the Presidency, I am taking on a new priority. Though I still believe whole-heartedly the neighbourhood that gathers together in fun and celebration bonds together, and I fully intend on having an active social year, my number one goal for this year is a reduction in crime in the area (not just Lincoln Terrace). These are uncertain times for many financially, and too often people take the 'easy' way out through theft and destruction.

As a neighbourhood, we must be proactive. We must help ourselves and those around us. Please do not be afraid to call the authorities if there is something suspicious happening. Talk to your neighbours. Talk to your neighbourhood association. If any of you have ideas, please share them.

For those of you who are hesitant to get involved in the neighbourhood association for whatever reason, please reconsider. It'd be great to have more participation. More ideas and more bonding!

Lincoln Terrace is on Facebook – www.facebook.com/lincoln.terrace. There is helpful information there, and it's a great place for questions and answers!

And if you ever need me, please do not hesitate to call or write!

~ Samonia Meredith, 826.7150 or sclpm@aol.com

Committees You Can Join! Positions You Can Have!

You don't have to be on the board to serve on a committee!

Beautification (medians, park, plantings)

Block Captains (newsletter & invitation delivery, communications)

Crime Patrol (driving patrol)

Garage Sale (will take place in September 2010)

Good Neighbours (neighbour watch, greetings, etc.)

Home Tours (will take place in September 2011)

Silent Auction (will take place in the Fall)

Social Committee (parties aplenty!)

Numbers You Might Need

Animal Welfare
297.3100
Capitol-Medical Zoning Commission
521.3678
Councilman Ronald 'Skip' Kelly
297.2569
Neighbourhood Alliance
528.6322
Non-Emergency Police Department
232.2121
OG&E Power Outage Report Line
1.800.522.6870
OKC Action Center
297.2535
ONG Gas Leak Report Line
1.800.458.4251
Pothole Hotline (OKC)
631.1111
Rep. Anastasia Pittman
557.7393
Sen. Constance Johnson
521.5531

And if there is an emergency or crime to be reported, 911.

Save the Dates!

28 March 2010
General Meeting & Easter Cookout
2 - 4 ~ Nichols Court Park

June 2010 (day to be determined)
General Meeting & Music Fest
Details to follow

11 September 2010
Neighbourhood wide Garage Sale

September 2010 (day to be determined)
Neighbours Night Out
Details to follow

24 October 2010
General Meeting & Halloween Party
2 - 4 ~ Nichols Court Park

December 2010 (day to be determined)
General Meeting & Holiday Party
Details to follow

Board Meetings are the third Monday each month. Please let us know if you have anything you would like the board to address.

Home Tours!!

Remember the fun we had with home tours a couple years ago? Well, we all seem to have recovered enough to host them again! We are in the early planning stages right now - working on putting together a committee and getting homes to include on the tour itself. If you have any interest in either of those things, please say the word! It's the perfect excuse to finish those home projects you've been considering and to show off all the hard work and beauty accomplished in Lincoln Terrace.

Though we haven't been able to convince our previous co-chairs to return for a second time, they have all their information (forms, contacts, ideas, lists of what they 'would have' done, etc.). A great resource for anyone wanting to be involved!

At this point, please contact Samonia Meredith if you are interested in any level of participation! The tours will take place in mid-September 2011.

THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU!

- ~ Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
- ~ Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- ~ Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- ~ If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
- ~ If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
- ~ A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
- ~ I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
- ~ Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
- ~ You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
- ~ A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com)
- ~ The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
- ~ I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- ~ I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
- ~ I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
- ~ Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook/MySpace/Blog pages. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- ~ To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
- ~ If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.